(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines on the registration of diagnostic laboratories;

(c) whether any State has introduced the system of registration of laboratories to regulate diagnostic industry; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such report has been received by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(b) and (d) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of State Governments to issue guidelines on the registration of diagnostic laboratories. However, Central Government is considering putting in place standards and specifications that will prescribe minimum standards for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments.

Health, Nutrition and Population Project from Government of Karnataka

1864. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent a Health, Nutrition and Population Project worth Rs. 700 crore for recommending to World Bank; and

(b) if so, the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka has submitted a project proposal on 'Karnataka Integrated Health, Nutrition and Family Welfare Services Development Project' with an estimate of Rs. 790 crores for World Bank assistance. It has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for comments on 11.9.2002.